

President tramples on the Constitution like this, he's trampling on the Senate's powers. But when he tramples on the Constitution, he tramples on my freedom, and he tramples on your freedom. And he tramples on all of our freedoms, and we cannot let it stand.

What are we going to do? Well, candidly, what makes this so troubling is the Constitution didn't actually imagine that we would ever elect an Executive that would simply go his own way. There is no slap on the wrist. We can't send the U.S. House Sergeant of Arms down there to prosecute this kind of offense. What happens is it plays itself out in the courts, and we're going to see it. Everyone who's regulated by this Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, they're going to sue. Folks who are regulated by the NLRB, they're going to sue. It's going to go across the street to the United States Supreme Court to try to decide about this division of powers. And if it gets there, folks are going to decide in favor of the very plainly written words of the United States Constitution.

But, Mr. Speaker, it doesn't have to be like this. The President said I'm going to change the tone in Washington. The President said we can work together to implement an agenda for the American people. Mr. Speaker, you stand here ready to work. I stand here ready to work. And the President said: I can't work with you, I'm going around you.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know who the President thinks we are, but I'm a mouthpiece for a million Americans back home in the Seventh District of Georgia. I come here with their hopes and dreams. You're the voice of a million constituents in your home State, Mr. Speaker, and you come here to do their bidding. The President isn't fighting with this House, the President is fighting with the American people. And I say to you, Mr. President, if you get on the wrong side—Mr. Speaker, I encourage you to share with the President—if he gets on the wrong side of the American people, he's on the wrong side.

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We can work together, and we do work together.

And I encourage folks to watch 2012. I had great hopes, Mr. Speaker, for what would happen in 2012. And the President's very first act was not to work with Congress, but to go around Congress. The license plate of the vehicle that ran over the Constitution, Mr. Speaker, it reads Illinois. And we have to stand up and reverse.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. WOODALL. I thank the Speaker for the time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. BERKLEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for January 17 and today on account of a family illness.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness in family.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4597. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Extension of Temporary Registration of Municipal Advisors [Release No.: 34-66020; File No. S7-19-10] (RIN: 3235-AK69) received December 29, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4598. A letter from the Associate Chief, WTB, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — National Environmental Policy Act Compliance for Proposed Town Registrations, Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory Birds [WT Docket No.: 08-61, WT Docket No. 03-187] received December 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4599. A letter from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amending the Definition of Interconnected VoIP Service in Section 9.3 of the Commission's Rules, Wireless E911 Location Accuracy Requirements, E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers [GN Docket No.: 11-117] [PS Docket No.: 07-114] [WC Docket No.: 05-196] received December 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4600. A letter from the Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; and Implementation of Entity List Annual Review Changes [Docket No.: 11202715-1724-01] (RIN: 0694-AF46) received December 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4601. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-146, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4602. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-136, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4603. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-124, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4604. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Registration and Licens-

ing of Brokers, Brokering Activities, and Related Provisions (RIN: 1400-AC37) received December 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4605. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Category VII (RIN: 1400-AC77) received December 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4606. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a notification pursuant to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4607. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Correction of Administrative Errors; Court Orders and Legal Processes Affecting Thrift Savings Plan Accounts received December 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4608. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Amendment 11 [Docket No.: 0808041037-1649-02] (RIN: 0648-AX05) received December 29, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4609. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revisions to Pacific Cod Fishing in the Parallel Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 110207103-1113-01] (RIN: 0648-AY65) received December 29, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4610. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Driggs, ID [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0837; Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-17] received December 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4611. A letter from the Senior Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0971; Directorate Identifier 2011-CE-030-AD; Amendment 39-16862; AD 2011-23-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received December 14, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4612. A letter from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Evaluation of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (RIN: 2900-AN60) received December 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4613. A letter from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Loan Guaranty Revised Loan Modification Procedures (RIN: 2900-AN78) received December 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.